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by some state troopers. They felt intimidated and herded as if they were sheep. Since they were exercising a public right to enter a public building, this should not have occurred. A gentleman named Dr. Rodney Wead, who is head of the Wesley House which is connected with the Methodist Church in Omaha, wrote the Governor a letter, sent a copy to me, and upon receipt of the letter, I became aware of this incident. I wrote a letter to the Governor. When it was called to the attention of her Chief of Staff, Mr. Hans Brisch, he immediately made a statement which could not be improved upon even by myself. He pointed out that America is supposed to be about equity, fair treatment, and that nobody should be placed in a secondary role in this society, and he was going to get on this incident immediately. If, at that time, Colonel LeGrande had followed the lead of Mr. Brisch and said it was a wrongful act, bad judgment, it won't happen again, I wouldn't be here now and I would have accepted that. But instead, he is dragging it out. He is trying to find what he calls a reasonable excuse for what occurred and there is no excuse. There are legislative staff and employees who saw this occur. A senator saw it occur and told Mr. LeGrande this, but before we reach that point, I came here a couple of days ago and a call was waiting for me from Mr. Brisch, and I called him. He told me that Mr. LeGrande was going to work it out. Mr. LeGrande came to my office with Major Pearson and they went after a few minutes to get Lieutenant Lundy who works around here and they all sat in my office, told me they were going to gather the facts on the situation, resolve it, and I told him that I had intended to go before the Government Committee and protest his confirmation because of the mishandling of this incident. With the assurance from him that it was going to be handled properly, I went to the committee to explain why I was not going to give the kind of statement I originally intended to give, said that I took the Colonel at his word, and believed he was acting in good faith. At that hearing, Senator Baack let me know that he had seen the troopers following these people and he thought it was strange. I told Mr. LeGrande this and that he should talk to Senator Baack. He didn't do it that day. What Mr. LeGrande had indicated initially about the number of troopers is that there were only two, but even if there were only two or one, the following is wrong, he is muddying the water, and evading the issue, but as we talked he admitted that there was another one, so there were at least three. Before I left that hearing, Lieutenant Lundy came to me and said there were probably two additional ones in the cafeteria area and the group would have seen them. And beyond that, there likely were additional troopers in the building for some kind of graduation